

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING
October 12, 2010

Members Present: Daniel Parisi (Chairman), Joe Stimac arrived 7:12, Shawn Koehler, Edward Duell

Members Absent: Tim Kiessling

Others Present: Town Engineer, Jim Thompson of Buck & Buck; Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator & Kristin Michaud, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. CITIZENS FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (DUELL), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS A DISCUSSION REGARDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS.

III. PUBLIC HEARING – Sandy Beach Road and Ellington Avenue Force Main Extensions

TIME: 7:05

SEATED: D. Parisi, J. Stimac, E. Duell, S. Koehler

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Crystal Lake – Sandy Beach Road Extension

Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator reviewed where the extension would run. He noted that 298 Sandy Beach Road has a system failure and they are pumping every day. He estimates the cost of the project to be \$30,766. The properties around the area would only put in \$22,400 leaving the WPCA a difference of \$8,366.

Artea Beirn – 298-300 Sandy Beach Road came forward and stated she spoke with Mr. Williams in March about the proposed sewer extension and they spoke of cost. She met with the Town Attorney who did not seem to have the same proposal. The Town Attorney approached her for placement of a sewer pump on her property. She noted that she would have to pay for that and has received a higher quote than everyone around her.

Mr. Williams noted that her benefit assessment is based on the four bedroom home she owns. He stated the benefit assessment on the home should be reduced because it is a two family home with restrictions on the lease for only 2 adults.

Ms. Beirn also noted that her home is not appraised very high and she is afraid the taxes may go up and with an easement on the property it would be hard to sell.

Mr. Williams stated that it is a 15' x 10' easement with the right to place a structure and maintain it. Right now her leach field has failed and that has lowered the value of her home due to no sewer or septic on the property. With the placement of the sewer it will add value to the home.

Ms. Beirn noted that she has many costs associated with this project and it doesn't seem right.

James Prichard, Board of Selectman asked if the town would be paying Ms. Beirn for the easement. Mr. Williams suggested the WPCA take that into consideration when setting the benefit assessment for the property.

Mr. Williams reviewed where on the sewer service map where the sewer runs through town. He noted there are 3 sewer service areas in town that do not have piping.

Ellington Road Extension

Chairman Parisi read 6 resident letters sent in opposition of the project.

Mr. Williams pointed out that there are no failures on Ellington Avenue and asked how important it to do the project now. He suggested putting it on hold for a later date.

Steve Olander, 69 Ellington Ave., stated that his septic is functioning as it should and if no pollution is entering the Turkey Brook why is it necessary to do this project now. He is opposition to this.

Susan Edwards, 92 Ellington Ave, added that only 2 of the homes need to hook up and the Commission heard 6 letters against the project.

Mr. Williams recapped the project and explained that the WPCA would have to pitch in \$100,000 for the project.

Mr. Prichard asked to see how the project would be done in two phases. Mr. Williams and Mr. Thompson reviewed the plan with him.

Ron Brown, Hopkins Road, asked if any of the properties had a reserve. Mr. Williams noted that not very many do and many of the properties are old.

MOVED (KOELHER), SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR FORCE MAIN EXTENSIONS ON SANDY BEACH ROAD AND ELLINGTON AVE.

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HEAR ITEM V. #2 – SHENEPSIT & MOUNTAIN ROAD EXTENSION NEXT.

1. Shenipsit and Mountain Road Extension

Mr. Williams recapped the project and explained that the WPCA would have to pitch in considerable moneys for the project.

The Health Department has commented and they have concerns for the entire area. The North Central District Health Department letter dated 10-08-10 was reviewed by the Commission. The letter reads that the entire area should be done.

The Town Engineer has done a preliminary study of the area and came up with \$175,000 for the project.

Mr. Williams noted that there is a possibility of grants due to North Central District Health Department findings.

81 Shenipsit Street has no acceptable septic system at this time.

Mark Peterson, Gardner & Peterson, stated that Skip's Septic said there is a concrete tank but could not find a field. He reviewed a sketch Skip's had given him with the Commission.

Mr. Williams stated that this property has gone to the Wetland Commission due to the placement of the new septic system. They need the WPCA to say there is no need to correct to the Septic system and they can repair the existing one. He asked how long the proposed extension would take. Mr. Thompson stated it could take 3 months after design and bid.

Mr. Williams also noted that the Health Department says if the Commission can approve the extension the owners of 81 Shenipsit Street can pump during for a short time and hook up when the extension is completed.

He then reviewed the Commissions options with them.

- Grant waiver to 81 Shenipsit Street without deciding on when to extend the sewer piping into this area.
- Extend the sewer piping into this area without granting a waiver to 81 Shenipsit Street.
- Grant waiver to 81 Shenipsit Street with the understanding the sewer piping into this area will proceed after funding is acquired for the project.

MOVED (DUELL), SECONDED (KOELHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO NOT BUILD A SYSTEM NOW UNTIL THERE IS FUNDING AND GRANT 81 SHENIPSIT STREET A WAIVER TO CORRECT THERE SEPTIC SYSTEM.

MOVED (KOELHER), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HAVE PETER WILLIAMS, WPCA ADMINISTRATOR & JIM THOMPSON, TOWN ENGINEER TO SEEK FUNDING AND PROCEED IN PRECONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR A EXTENSION FOR THE SHENIPSIT AND MOUNTAIN RD AREA.

MOVED (KOELHER), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO NOT PROCEED WITH FORCE MAIN EXTENSION ON ELLINTON AVENUE.

1. Motion to set Benefit Assessments

BY CONSENSUS THE COMMISSION TABLED THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WPCA.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stafford Plant Project Review

Mr. Williams updated the Commission on the last WPCA meeting in Stafford. He noted that Stafford had sent a letter requesting \$600,000 for the plants reconstruction. Mr. Williams sent them a letter asking them to use the credit the Town of Ellington has with them.

2. 2010 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Williams stated that due to scheduling conflict with some of the commissioners he suggested moving the next three meetings to the third Wednesday of each month.

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MOVING THE SCHEDULED WPCA MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FOR THE REST OF THE 2010 MEETING YEAR.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

2. Odor Concerns – Vernon Pump Station

Mr. Williams gave a brief overview of the problem. He stated that the town rents the land the pump station is on. The Vernon WPCA said the pump station has odors. George Fetko, Director of Public Works has submitted a proposal for a study of the area for \$6000. Mr. Thompson suggested having public works look into the man holes and venting of the sewer piping and make sure everything is still in place before anything is done at the station.

3. Connection Charges

Mr. Williams stated that the finance officer brought up concerns about the enterprise funds for future construction. There are many areas of town that have access to the sewer but are not hooked up so they are not paying into enterprise funds as the connected people are doing. He gave several suggestions on how the Commission could correct this situation but it was decided Mr. Williams will do more research to see the impact and report back to the commission.

4. Vernon Utility Management Award

Mr. Williams noted that Vernon is doing a good job running the plant in Vernon.

5. Noise Concern – Crystal Lake Pump Station

Mr. Williams received a letter stating there is noise coming from the station. Mr. Fetko sent maintenance up to look into the inquiry and it was found there was no issue. The WPCA asked Mr. Thompson to go there take a look.

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUEST

Mr. Williams wanted to add this to the agenda so the Commission was aware they are going to put in for the money to do the Crystal Lake/Stafford Road project.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. **Design, Construction, & Maintenance Reports:**

- i. Project 2008-2 RT 83 Sewer Line Reversal

Mr. Williams just received the final bill and will sign off.

- ii. Project 2008-3 RT 83 Kimballs Brook Bridge

Mr. Thompson noted that the project is finished and it went well.

- iii. Project 2008-4 Sandy Beach Road and Stafford Road Extension

The WPCA wants the project to go out to bid in May with a start date as soon as the budget passes.

- iv. Project 2009-2 Orchard Street Repairs:

Mr. Thompson noted that the project is finished.

- v. Project 2010-2 Sandy Beach Rd - Force Main Extension

Mr. Williams said the project will be put out to bid right away.

- vi. Project 2010-3 Ellington Ave – Force Main Extension

Mr. Williams stated that this project is on hold.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

2. Bond Reductions and Releases
i. 26 Pinney Street

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (STIMAC) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RELEASE BOND FOR 26 PINNEY STREET AS PER JIM THOMPSON, TOWN ENGINEERS RECOMMENDATION.

- ii. High Ridge Phase II

MOVED (KOEHLER), SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RELEASE THE BOND FOR HIGH RIDGE PHASE II AS PER JIM THOMPSON, TOWN ENGINEERS RECOMMENDATION.

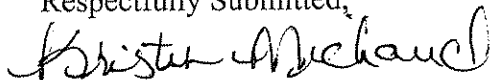
3. Approval of the August 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED (D. PARISI; ABSTAINED) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2010 MEETINGS.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristin Michaud